

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 106

By Herron

A RESOLUTION designating March 28, 2007, as "TISL Day at the Legislature."

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly find it imperative to designate certain days in honor of those honorable organizations who have a long history of education centered around the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Intercollegiate State Legislature (TISL) was founded by college students in 1966 in an effort to give themselves a voice and a role in state government; and

WHEREAS, the 37th General Assembly of TISL convened in these chambers in November of 2006, allowing students from across the State to introduce, debate, and vote on bills with subjects of state issues which concerned them; and

WHEREAS, at various times, nearly every college in Tennessee has belonged to TISL and, this year, TISL's leaders are committed to establishing new benchmarks for participation; and

WHEREAS, numerous state officials, including judges, legislators, and members of the Governor's cabinet, previously served as delegates to TISL; and

WHEREAS, the delegates to the 37th General Assembly elected an Executive Council comprised of Governor Amir Bahreini of Cleveland State Community College, Lieutenant Governor Ken Taylor of the University of Memphis, House Speaker Joshua Pendergrass of Lambuth University, Secretary of State Christopher Drew of Austin Peay State University, Attorney General Jessyca Newman of East Tennessee State University, State Treasurer Amanda Bush of Union University, Senate Speaker Pro Tempore DeWayne Carter of Volunteer State Community College, and House Speaker Pro Tempore Gionni Carr of the University of Memphis; and

WHEREAS, the TISL Executive Council has voted to inaugurate "TISL Day at the Legislature" as a commemorative date on which college students from across Tennessee may visit the State Capitol and learn about state government while this 105th General Assembly is in session; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby designate March 28, 2007, as "TISL Day at the Legislature," a day which will convene at 9:00 a.m. in the Old Supreme Court Chamber in the State Capitol.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we affirm our long-standing support of the Tennessee Intercollegiate State Legislature and its mission of giving college students a voice in state government and providing opportunities to learn about the State of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we congratulate the Tennessee Intercollegiate State Legislature for the successful completion of its 37th General Assembly and offer our best wishes for its 38th General Assembly, to be held November 8-11, 2007, in these chambers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we hereby commend the TISL Executive Council for its efforts to raise governmental awareness among college students and its commitment to an energetic and effective year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we join TISL in inviting students from every college in Tennessee, regardless of whether they currently belong to TISL, to attend TISL Day at the Legislature so they may watch and join the democratic process by which Tennesseans deliberate and govern themselves.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that eight appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.